**Answer**

**ESL 223: Reading**

**Textbook: Making Connections**

Skills and Strategies 3: passive sentences

SKILL PRACTICE 1

1. Much better methods of diagnosis and treatment have been developed over the twenty-five years. The contribution of these advances should not be ignored when we consider why fewer Americans are dying of heart disease today.
2. It has been conclusively shown that certain factors in our day-to-day lives contribute to heart disease. Stress, diet, smoking, and insufficient exercise all have been linked to the development of the disease.
3. Since the 1980s, the task of developing an effective response to AIDS has been made more difficult by governments that have refused to take the disease seriously. Western governments, for example, did not quickly recognize AIDS as a major threat to public health, in the 1990s, similar reactions were seen from other governments as the disease began to appear across the world.
4. People are reluctant to speak openly about HIV/AIDS because the disease is most often transmitted by behaviors that tend to be considered socially unacceptable, such as homosexual sex, sex with multiple partners, underage sex, and illegal drug use.
5. To solve the most urgent health problems of developing countries, health experts recommend that priority should be given to primary health care. Primary health care emphasizes both disease prevention and early diagnosis and treatment. Many deadly diseases can be prevented if clean water and childhood vaccinations are provided. Others, such as malaria, are much less dangerous if they are diagnosed and treated soon after patients are infected.

SKILL PRACTICE 2

1~5 ABAAA

6~10 BBABA

SKILL PRACTICE 3

1. Four main causes have been identified by experts who have used the latest scientific methods to examine all the available evidence.
2. The task was made even more diff by the governments who refused to take the disease seriously or who claimed that it did not exist in their countries made the task even more difficult.
3. 35 percent of Europe’s population in the fourteenth century was killed by bubonic plague, a disease.
4. Assessments were made by people who are not working on these research projects and who have no financial interest in their success or failure.
5. Stress, diet, tobacco and lack of exercise have been linked to the development of the disease by researchers in many countries and in a number of scientific fields.